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SUBJECT: ANC LEADER MUZOREWA ALLEGES KIDNAPPED ANC PUBLICITY
CHIEF BEING HELD ON ROBBER ISLAND

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1. AUGUST 28 TIMES OF ZAMBIA CARRIES BANNER HEADLINE
"SITHOLE BANISHED TO ROBBER ISLAND PRISON." ACCOMPANYING
STORY BY TIMES REPORTER STATES THAT BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA
ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT AT MINDOLO ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION,
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KITWE, AUGUST 27. IN PRESS STATEMENT MUZOREWA ALLEGES THAT

DR. EDSON SITHOLE AND HIS PERSONAL SECRETARY, KIDNAPPED IN SALISBURY, OCTOBER 15, 1975, ARE BEING HELD AT ROBBEN ISLAND PRISON IN SA. MUZOREWA ALSO SUGGESTED THAT OTHER AFRICAN POLITICIANS, WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED IN RHODESIA, MAY ALSO BE AT ROBBEN ISLAND. BISHOP'S STATEMENT INCLUDED ASSERTION THAT HE HAD IRREFUTABLE INFORMATION EDSON SITHOLE AND HIS SECRETARY, MIRIAM MHALANGA ARE BEING HELD AT ROBBEN ISLAND WITH SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALIST, NELSON MANDELA. HE CHALLENGED VORSTER AND SMITH TO DENY HIS ALLEGATIONS. NO MENTION OF BISHOP'S STATEMENT CARRIED IN ZAMBIA'S SECOND NEWSPAPER, DAILY MAIL.

2. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, EDSON SITHOLE IS BROTHER OF ANC/ZANU LEADER NDABANINGI SITHOLE.
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